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POLYAPHRON DISPERSIONS )  
CONTAINING A COMPLEX )  
INTERNAL PHASE )

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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The inventors have received the Office Action of May 27, 2008 and have reviewed the examiner's prior art rejections. They believe that these rejections are incorrect for the following reasons.

The examiner has rejected claims 1-7, 9 and 11 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Fukuda. However, Fukuda discloses a multiple emulsion (see Figure 1) having a water-phase/oil phase/water-phase. There is no disclosure or suggestion in Fukuda of a polyaphron dispersion. Polyaphron dispersions and emulsions are not the same. The examiner will, of course, not need any explanation as to what is meant by an emulsion. This is a term commonly used in chemistry and covers, for example, an oil droplet suspended in an aqueous medium. The droplet is surrounded by a single layer of surfactant molecules which prevents